

JONATHAN B. MILLS

Background

Jonathan B. Mills is a Principal in Cummings & Lockwood's Commercial Real Estate and Corporate & Finance Groups and is based in the Stamford office.

Jon devotes much of his legal practice to commercial real estate transactions, including commercial leasing, sales, acquisitions, development, joint ventures and financings.

He has also represented companies in connection with various corporate matters, including asset sales and acquisitions, marketing, technology and other licensing agreements, joint ventures, and numerous commercial finance, franchise and contract engagements.

Jon also works closely with the Private Clients Group in serving as a fiduciary and advisor to several families with respect to substantial trusts and estates matters.

In addition to his law practice, Jon serves as Firm-wide Chairman and Managing Director of Cummings & Lockwood, a position he has held since 2003.

Practice Areas

- Commercial Real Estate Group
- Commercial Real Estate Development
- Commercial Real Estate Financing
- Commercial Real Estate Leasing
- Commercial Real Estate Sales and Acquisitions
- Corporate & Finance Group
- Loan Transactions and Financings
- Private Clients Group
- Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning
- Estate Planning for Hedge Fund and Private Equity Principals
- Family Office and Closely Held Business Group

Education



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CUMMINGS & LOCKWOOD LLC

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 1985)
- Princeton University (A.B., 1981)

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut, 1985
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut, 1985
- United States Supreme Court, 1991

Professional Organizations

- Connecticut Bar Foundation, Life Fellow, 2013 - Present

Professional Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America, 1999 - Present
- Connecticut and New England Super Lawyers, 2006 - 2011, 2013 - 2014, 2016 - Present
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rated, 2003 - Present
- Life Achievement Award, Marquis Who's Who in America, 2018
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions Lawyer of the Year in Connecticut, 2019, Global Law Experts

Civic and Philanthropic Activity

- African Parks Foundation of America, Board Member
- HSBC Bank Regional Advisory Board, Former Board Member
- Norwalk Community College Foundation, Former Board Member
- Stamford Symphony Orchestra, Former Board Member
- USO of Metropolitan New York, Former Board Member
- United Way, Former Regional Committee Member
- March of Dimes Regional Real Estate Committee, Former Board Member

Articles/Publications

- "Appointing Fiduciaries", *Connecticut Law Tribune*, Volume 34
- "Commercial Lease Negotiations", *Connecticut Law Tribune*, Volume 33
- "Lease Economics and Strategies", *Connecticut Law Tribune*, Volume 28

Matters

- Representation of national real estate fund in \$300 million headquarters lease to an international sports and media company
- Representation of two major institutional real estate firms managing or controlling over 37 million square feet of commercial property in connection with various leasing, acquisition and development matters
- Representation of a major investment bank in the leasing and sale of a \$250 million urban office complex
- Representation of a Fortune 100 company in the sale of a \$100 million east coast office complex to a major pension fund
- Representation of a global investment bank syndicate in the sale of a major, multi-tenant commercial property

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- Representation of a regional real estate developer in the development of a 250-acre site, including the sale and master lease of several large parcels to national retail users
- Representation of a national real estate holding company in its investments in several joint ventures for major multi-family housing projects in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, as well as other commercial real estate and corporate matters
- Representation of a real estate development consortium in the acquisition of various hotel and resort properties in Connecticut, North Carolina and New York
- Representation of a national real estate fund in the acquisition and development of a large hotel and mixed use site, along with a related office headquarters property, in connection with a significant waterfront project
- Served as outside general counsel to an international consumer products company with \$2 billion in annual sales and 3,400 employees in connection with all aspects of its corporate legal work
- Representation of a large family with extensive real estate holdings in the restructuring and transfer of a 180-acre site into various separate family estates
- Representation of several families as fiduciary and advisor in connection with various trusts and estates matters